



SNOWSLIDES ARE DISASTEROUS

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN IN STANDARD OIL INQUIRY

Missouri Ouster Suit Against Standard Oil Continues in St. Louis Developing Very Important Testimony in Regard to Operations.

SUPPOSED INDEPENDENTS OWNED BY STANDARD

TESTIMONY BRINGS TO LIGHT THAT THE REPUBLIC OIL COMPANY STOCK IS HELD BY STANDARD OIL CREATURES, AS ALSO THE STOCK OF THE WATERS-PIERCE COMPANY—INDEPENDENTS BOUGHT OIL FROM STANDARD.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—The hearing in the Missouri ouster suit against the Standard Oil, the Republic and the Waters-Pierce Oil companies, was resumed today. Testimony was heard from W. T. McKee, secretary of the Republic Company, C. M. Adams, secretary of the Waters-Pierce Company, and H. C. Pierce, former president of the latter company. The testimony summed up is as follows: The stock of the Republic Oil Company is held by individuals for the Standard Oil Company.

The Waters-Pierce Oil Company bought oil from the Standard's refineries. In payment for the oil bought by the Waters-Pierce Company from the Atlantic refineries in Philadelphia, an alleged independent concern, checks since 1904 have been sent to 26 Broadway, N. Y., the headquarters of the Standard Oil Company. The stock in the Waters-Pierce Company is held by M. M. Van Buren, a nephew of John Archbold, an official of the Standard Oil.

WINS BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Edward Gardner, of Passaic, N. J., won the amateur billiard championship of America tonight over J. E. Poggenburg, of New York, by a score of 300 to 256. Gardner went through the entire five games of the championship tournament without being defeated.

IN PACKERS CASE

Attorney General Moody Makes Government's Argument.

GOVERNMENT AFTER PEOPLE

Moody Says That Government Does Not Seek to Punish Corporation, But Living, Breathing, Human Beings, Who Did Wrong.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Attorney General Moody commenced the closing argument in behalf of the government today in the packers' cases. The courtroom was packed with local attorneys

DESPERATE FIGHT WITH TWO OF WICKLIFFE TRIO

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 19.—Two men who were at first believed members of the Wickliffe trio of Cherokee outlaws who have been chased in Indian Territory came to Springfield today. One of the men surrendered to the police after a desperate struggle. The other tried to shoot Officer Wilberly and was

anxious to hear the attorney-general's argument. Moody declared the government was too much in earnest in the present cases to pursue, as the packers' attorneys intimated, the senseless creation of law. He declared it wrong had been committed the government was seeking punishment, not of the corporation, but of the living, breathing, human beings, who committed the wrong. The government and the people, he said, would be satisfied with nothing less. He declared his appearance in the court was unusual and almost unprecedented, but the law gave him the right to appear and he believed it his duty to appear. In justification of his action he said that it would be found that not only in importance, was the present case, but in the fact that if immunity should be conferred upon the defendants on the grounds of which they claimed, it would have overthrown the legal interpretations of the government for almost twenty-five years and would especially cripple the government in its attempts to enforce the laws of the land.

INVESTIGATION STARTED.

CANON CITY, March 19.—Coroner Stephenson today started an investigation of the Denver and Rio Grande wreck at Adobe. Several witnesses were examined. Operator Lively of Swallow, who is said to be responsible for the collision, was not present.

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shot and killed by that officer. Both men are desperate characters. They are not known here and had been in Springfield but a short time when attacked by the officers. The prisoner said his name was M. J. Curtis, of Council Bluffs, Ia., and said the dead man was Thomas Murphy of Vinita and that they were searching for land.

FATALLY SHOT.

Man Accidentally Discharges Revolver Killing Friend.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Nicholas Duckhoff, 23 years old, whose home is in Cincinnati, but who has been employed as a butler in Chicago, was shot and fatally wounded early today while visiting a young woman, a guest at the Grace Hotel. James Young, 19 years old, also from Cincinnati, is said to have been examining a revolver when it was discharged accidentally, is held by the police who are making an investigation. In the room when Duckhoff was shot were Miss H. C. Martin, of Cincinnati, and another woman from the same city whose name the police have not obtained.

INSTITUTE FOR NEGROES.

American Church Institute For Negroes To Be Incorporated.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The American Church Institute for Negroes, which is to take over the negro educational work of the Protestant Episcopal church is to be incorporated within a few days, with Rev. Samuel H. Bishop, as general secretary. The incorporation will take place under the auspices of the board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The Episcopal church at present controls three schools for negroes, Bishop Payne Divinity School of Petersburg, Va.; St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School of Lawrenceville, Va., and St. Augustine's Academy and Normal School of Raleigh, N. C. As soon as the new institute is in full operation, other schools will be founded. The institute is the result of the agitation within the Episcopal church for increased centralization of all charities.

KILLS ROBBER.

Footpads Rob Sheriff Who Afterward Kills One.

BUTTE, March 19.—Deputy Sheriff Weyman shot and killed a highwayman tonight after he had been held up and robbed by two footpads. Weyman was proceeding along Silver street when he was accosted by two bandits. They went through his pockets, but overlooked a revolver in his hip pocket. As the robbers departed Weyman whipped out his gun and shot one man. The other escaped though it is believed he was wounded.

LIVES IMPERILED

Haverhill Manual Training School Burns Down.

PUPILS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Lives of More than 150 Boys and Girls Are Saved by the Coolness of the Teachers in Charge—Professor Jumps From Second Floor.

HAVERHILL, Mass., March 19.—Fire in the Haverhill Manual Training School and High School annex today imperiled more than 150 boys and girls, and, although mainly because of coolness and generalship of the teachers, no lives were lost, several pupils were so close to the flames that their hair was burned, and one girl injured her leg by jumping from a second story window. Instructor John Bourne, intent upon the escape of the children, after they were all out, found his egress cut off and was compelled to leap from a window on the second floor of the training school. He was not injured in jumping, but previously he had been burned about the head and hands.

The training school formerly was a factory and was a three-story wooden building whose beams and flooring were ready fuel for the fire.

FIFTEEN PERISH IN BIG STORM

WARRANT OUT FOR SCOTTY

Death Valley Miner Charged With Assault.

WOUNDED HIS BROTHER

Scotty Accused of Ambushing Scott Party During Last February.

ACCUSED DENIES THE CHARGE

San Bernardino County Authorities After Investigation Find That Cowboy Miner Ambushed His Own Friends—Scott Says Plot.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—A special to the Express from San Bernardino says warrants have been issued for the arrest of Walter Scott, the Cowboy miner, William Keyes, and "Shorty" Smith charging them with assault with a deadly weapon on Dr. Johnson, president of the National Insurance Co., of New York; A. W. St. Clair, Warner Scott, A. Y. Pearl, J. W. Owen and J. J. Hartigan, all members of the Scott party at the time the alleged ambush occurred in which Warner Scott was seriously wounded. The warrants are the results of an investigation by the San Bernardino county authorities into the alleged ambush at Wingate Pass in Death Valley, February 26th when Warner Scott, Walter's brother, was seriously wounded from an ambush. Charge Trumped Up.

PORTLAND, March 19.—Walter Scott stated to the Associated Press tonight that the charge was trumped up by his enemies at Los Angeles in an attempt to defame his character. Scott declares the ambush was perpetrated by New York men who stalked him previous to his discovery of the famous mine, but whose money ran out before the mine was discovered and had refused to furnish further funds for exploration. When the mine was discovered these men wanted to share and have been using every means to discover the location of his mine as a basis for a suit in the courts. Johnson, Scott says, is a friend of his and is nowise connected with swearing the warrants. Scott expresses a willingness to furnish a cash bond to the amount of \$25,000 and says he intends to go to San Francisco next week.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

PORTLAND, March 19.—The mystery surrounding the death of Julius Kuhn a saloonkeeper recently killed in cold blood, is believed to be cleared up and the police are now searching for Paul Musa, a young German, for whom a warrant has been issued. It is stated the object of the crime was robbery and Kuhn's murderer knew Kuhn had the sum of \$3000 on the night of the crime was committed.

Slides Carry Away Buildings and Half Hundred Miners are Without Food—Trainload of People is Blockaded by the Snow.

PROPERTY LOSS WILL REACH ONE MILLION

WHILE MEN ARE AT DINNER MOUNTAIN SLIDE ENGULFS HOUSE—NINE MEN DIG WAY OUT OF SNOW—PASSENGER TRAIN SNOW-BOUND AND GREAT HARD SHIPS EXPERIENCED—STORM CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE.

DEATH ROLL FIFTEEN.

DENVER, March 19.—By the loss of twelve lives near Silverton the death roll resulting from the great storm in the San Juan mining district has now increased to at least fifteen. At the Camp Bird Mine, a few miles from Ouray and at the Coal Basin hundreds of miners and their families set out this morning and reached Ouray in safety coming over mountains on snowshoes. The mills and other property estimated in value at \$1,000,000, have been swept to destruction in the deep gulches. On Cumbres Pass, the highest point on a narrow gauge railroad from Durango to Alamosa, a trainload of passengers is marooned, dependent for warmth on the meagre supply of coal in the engine tender and for food on what the hardy mountaineers can bring in on snowshoes.

Twelve Swept to Death.

SILVERTON, Colo., March 19.—Twelve miners employed in the Shenandoah mine were caught by a great snowslide early today and swept to their death. The bodies have not been recovered. Assistance has been summoned from Silverton to help dig the victims from beneath the snow. According to a report from Howardsville the men were killed by a snowslide which struck the boarding house at the mine where they were at dinner. It is reported twenty-one men were caught in the slide and nine dug their way out more or less injured. The Shenandoah mine is located on

King Solomon Mountain nine miles from Silverton.

Snowfall Heaviest Ever.

HOLYOKE, Colo., March 19.—The heaviest snowfall ever known in North-east Colorado has fallen since the beginning of March. The range is covered with two feet of snow and the roads are well-nigh impassable. The supply of food is almost exhausted. Railroad traffic is irregular, and has been totally abandoned during the worst of the storm. The Burlington line from Curtis to Cheyenne has been covered with drifts two or six feet deep for several days and no attempt will be made to open the line until the storm ceases.

WITTE MAY RETIRE

Rumor That Russian Premier Will Go Out.

REPORTS NOT YET CONFIRMED

It Is Stated That Witte Stated at Meeting of Council of Empire That He Will Soon Retire—Heart Trouble is Cause.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—In high official circles tonight there is a rumor that Witte has definitely decided to retire from the premiership. The Associated Press is unable to confirm at

the rumor, as Witte has gone to bed and the chancery was closed when the representative called shortly after midnight. From an absolutely authoritative source however, it is stated that Witte at a session of the council of the empire this afternoon made an enigmatical statement interpreted by members of the council as a virtual declaration that his career as premier had ended and that he would be succeeded by Privy Councillor Kokovsoff. On apparently reliable authority it is said that Witte experienced a rather alarming attack of heart trouble a few days ago and his physicians advised him to give up work.

MUTINEERS SHOT.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—Former Lieutenant Schmidt, who commanded the vessels of the Black Sea fleet which mutinied last November, was shot today

FRANCE WILL NOT YIELD ON MOROCCAN POLICE

PARIS, March 19.—Officials here say France's position is absolute and final against placing Casa Blanca under international command. It is maintained this is not a question of detail, but one that involves the entire Franco-German controversy over the internationalization of the police. The changes at various capitals, officials declare, mean another vote will show France is supported by Great Britain, Spain, Portugal and Russia, with Austria doubtful and Italy and the United States not voting. Current opinion in official circles is that Germany intends to recede from her position.